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tion for this study is laid in the language lesson of the primary children. Of course there must be thought work and accurate work in this as in other studies. Correct forms must be studied, capitalization and punctuation must be kept constantly before them in their written lessons and attention must be given to the little stories for reproduction. In this study let the morning talk be the keynote of the day's work. For example, let them talk about "The Gleaners," by Millet, then tell them the Bible story of Ruth. Later in the day give them a lesson about wheat.

In the study of numbers, sense training should precede the work and should be given daily the first month. It would be waste of time to go into detail as to methods we use to get the children interested in this study, as we are all so familiar with the many devices used. The use of objects, pictures, stories does its work here too.

In beginning geography, we should make it pictorial and descriptive. The elements of natural scenery which fall under their observation, should be noted with their distance and relative size. These objects will include hill, mountain, brook, river, plain, forest, island and sea; the town, county, state and country; animals, trees and plants; the people who live near by with their habits, customs and clothing. Such studies will give them a longing to learn of other lands and other people. Have the children observe the weather.

This by the way, is an interesting study of itself in the Panhandle. I think the poet who wrote, "First it snow, and then it thaws, and now by jing its friz!" must have been a native of the Panhandle, and had in mind some spring morning, or some winter afternoon when he had been told to report to "teacher" after observing the weather for a few hours.

Teach them directions and directions on the map, and when a geography is given them, this knowledge, with the help of the illustrations will do the work, and the class will begin this study eagerly.

In all things, at all times, we should teach them to investigate, to think, to notice the objects within reach of their vision. Such will induce a habit of attention, without which there can never be any improvement in any department.

We should not forget to keep these facts in our minds; that they should be taught to study to retain, taught to study alone, to master each point as they go, to express what they learn, that concentration of mind is necessary to study, that there must be a regular time for study; and then let us remember that for anyone to study well, there should be order and comfort.

Miss Annie Hendrick,
Amarillo.

The stores are gay with holiday goods and the streets are filled with pretty girls in the bravery of their winter plumage, both sights pleasing to the eye.

Free Bulletins For Farmers.

The Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is anxious to extend the usefulness of the stations to the largest possible number of farmers in the state. Until recently there have been only ten thousand names on the mailing list to receive the bulletins as they are issued from time to time. This seems an indescribably small number since there are approximately two hundred and sixty thousand farmers in the state.

It is especially desired that persons interested in farming should send in their names at this time as the mailing lists are being enlarged and reprinted. Owing to the meager appropriations for the publication of the bulletins, quite a number of them are now "out of print", and to be sure of receiving these publications a farmer should have his name on the list.

Address all requests to William D. Gibbs, Director of Experiment Stations, College Station, Texas, stating in which of the following lines bulletins are desired: (1) Farm Crops, (2) Horticulture and (3) Live Stock.

Short Course in Agriculture.

The A. and M. College offers special short courses in Stock Farming, Dairying and Horticulture to be given during the winter term of ten weeks beginning January 5 and ending January 13, 1903. The courses are open to men of eighteen years of age and over.

No entrance examinations are required. The necessary expenses of the course need not exceed forty dollars.

Instruction will be given in grasses and forage crops, breeds and breeding, feeding, stock judging, economic entomology, anatomy and physiology of domestic animals, dairying, budding, grafting, pruning, fruit culture, nursery principles and vegetable growing.

This is a rare opportunity for a young man to learn a great deal about his business and thereby greatly increase his earning power on small expense of time and money. Send a postal card to William D. Gibbs, Dean of Agriculture and Director of Experiment Stations, College Station, Texas, for a circular full of information concerning the courses.

The new bank at Canyon will be in operation in a short while. Mr. Earl Cobb who is well and favorably known to the people of the entire plains country will be the cashier. We predict for the new bank an unprecedented popularity and a full share of the public business.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of Palo Duro Canyon Baptist Association was held with the Baptist church of Amarillo Nov. 28-30. Preachers present were W. L. Skinner and A. H. Thornton, Clarendon; D. E. Baker, Miami; J. B. Cole, Memphis; W. H. Younger,

Channing; H. B. McGee, Hereford; J. D. Ballard, Canyon and S. H. Blair, Rosenberg. In addition to these a considerable number of laymen were present from Canyon and Caude. The attendance of the Amarillo people was not large but the meeting was one of the most interesting in the history of the Association. The College rally on Saturday night was pretty well attended. Speeches were made by Revs. J. B. Cole, A. E. Baten, W. A. Erwin, W. L. Skinner, Randolph and Addison Clark, J. D. Ballard and Judge Veale. It now develops that Canyon, Hereford, Memphis and Clarendon will be Amarillo's lively competitors for the college. The College Committee held a meeting on Sunday evening. It is understood that the College matter is to be pushed vigorously.

All the pulpits of Amarillo were filled on Sunday by the visiting preachers. The sermons are spoken of as being very interesting and instructive.

The visitors were much pleased with their trip and the hospitality of our people.

The women of the state should read Mrs. Pennybacker's paper read before the state federation of Women's Clubs at Beaumont recently. She urges upon them to take up the school problem and discuss it among themselves and get to work to improve and beautify the school grounds, and where necessary urge upon trustees the need of better buildings. More modern

equipment and better facilities for school work. In this connection it might be well to consider the fact that the present somewhat unpopular text book law expires by limitation before the next session of the legislature meets and it should be modified, amended and re-enacted. While it has never been satisfactory it has saved thousands of dollars to the parents of school children throughout the state and with some needed changes should be made a permanent law.

Willbarger county went dry last Saturday by 30 majority.

The stock rush is about over on the P. V. for the present.

Helpful Reading.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department

Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up north on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

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